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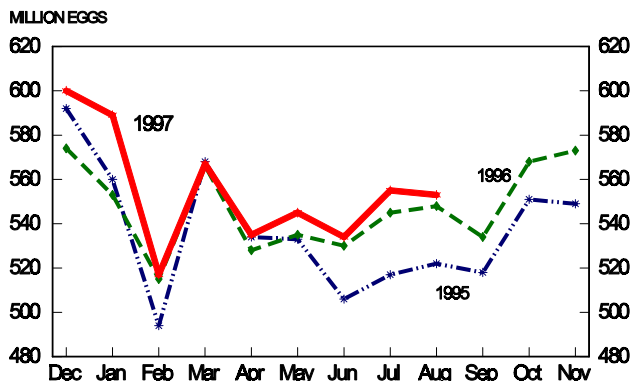
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 553 million, 2.00 million less than last month, but 5.00 million more than last August. The total number of layers during the month averaged 25.2 million, fractionally above August 1996. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,191, compared to 2,198 last month and 2,176 in August 1997.

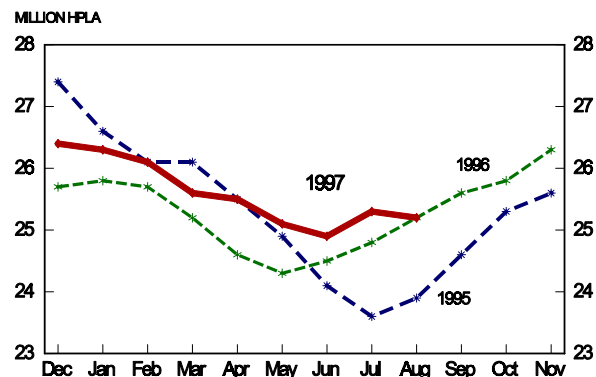
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION UP FRACTIONALLY

U.S. egg production totaled 6.47 billion during August 1997, up fractionally from the 6.45 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.45 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 1997 averaged 299 million, up 1 percent from the average number of layers during August 1996. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, compared with 2,172 in August 1996. All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 1997 totaled 300 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 300 million layers consisted of 245 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 52.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.43 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 1997 averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 69.9 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,402	10,726	1,990	1,958	207	210	2.0	2.0	16.0	12.0
Arkansas	14,358	14,452	1,936	1,841	278	266	3.0	1.0	8.5	12.0
California	25,186	25,235	2,176	2,191	548	553	8.5	9.0	40.0	35.5
Georgia	18,607	19,723	2,085	2,069	388	408	3.5	4.5	24.5	22.0
Indiana	21,611	21,150	2,253	2,293	487	485	1.5	2.5	21.0	21.0
Iowa	19,662	21,081	2,243	2,201	441	464	5.5	3.0	27.5	23.0
North Carolina	12,747	12,314	1,961	1,933	250	238	2.0	1.0	14.5	10.5
Ohio	24,230	25,211	2,295	2,297	556	579	2.5	4.5	11.5	11.5
Pennsylvania	20,593	21,053	2,253	2,275	464	479	5.0	6.5	20.5	13.5
Texas	15,973	16,889	2,016	2,096	322	354	5.0	3.5	22.0	27.0
United States	296,785	299,017	2,172	2,164	6,447	6,471	4.3	4.0	22.3	21.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT

The August 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 709 million, was up 3 percent from August of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 590 million on September 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 1997. This was up 3 percent from August 1996.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> <u>1996</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	89,106	93,944	105
Arkansas	106,065	106,407	100
Delaware	17,124	17,704	103
Florida	10,507	9,317	89
Georgia	103,340	107,987	104
Maryland	30,606	30,685	100
Mississippi	58,548	60,829	104
North Carolina	63,766	62,505	98
Pennsylvania	12,266	13,158	107
South Carolina	15,540	15,531	100
Texas	41,219	44,575	108
Virginia	23,859	23,841	100
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	33,950	36,247	107
Washington & Oregon	5,704	5,359	94
Other States ^{1/}	79,238	81,192	102
UNITED STATES	690,838	709,281	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 2 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 32.9 million, up 2 percent from August 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.3 million on September 1, 1997, up 13 percent from a year ago.

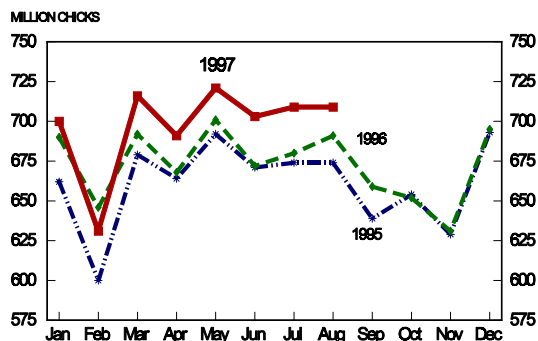
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 284 thousand during August 1997. This was up 53 percent from the 186 thousand of August 1996.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

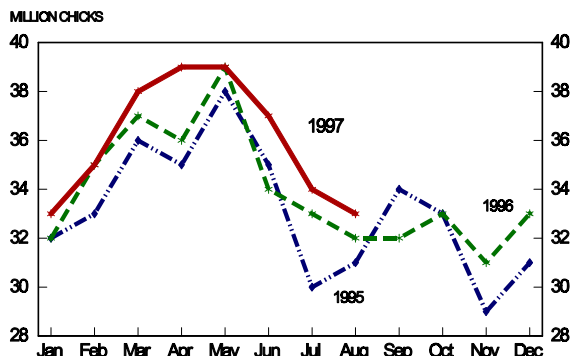
State	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> <u>1996</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	1,147	940	82
Florida	979	1,179	120
Georgia	2,043	2,184	107
Indiana	7,505	7,141	95
Iowa	2,845	3,997	140
Kansas	343	142	41
Minnesota	1,951	1,507	77
Missouri	382	400	105
Pennsylvania	3,863	3,983	103
Other States ^{1/}	11,335	11,430	101
UNITED STATES	32,393	32,903	102

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> <u>1996</u>	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> <u>1996</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent	- Thousands -		Percent
North Atlantic	11,949	12,316	103	5,215	5,980	115
East North Central	7,820	6,892	88	7,541	8,121	108
West North Central	22,066	22,904	104	4,667	5,625	121
South Atlantic	222,466	225,926	102	4,588	4,405	96
South Central	281,757	300,783	107	2,481	3,630	146
West	21,540	21,515	100	3,300	3,557	108
UNITED STATES	567,598	590,336	104	27,792	31,318	113

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Geographic Division	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1997/1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
Alabama	10,373	10,891	105	617	634	103
Arkansas	14,526	14,284	98	835	786	94
California	24,839	25,139	101	1,623	1,642	101
Georgia	18,372	19,580	107	1,141	1,208	106
Indiana	21,332	21,166	99	1,423	1,433	101
Iowa	19,368	21,316	110	1,294	1,410	109
North Carolina	12,711	12,534	99	734	718	98
Ohio	24,252	25,247	104	1,644	1,701	103
Pennsylvania	20,590	20,797	101	1,385	1,407	102
Texas	15,724	16,815	107	971	1,053	108
United States	295,350	299,016	101	19,056	19,184	101

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers, when compared to July average prices, increased one cent for turkeys. Prices for broilers remain unchanged. Prices for market eggs decreased three cents per dozen.

Nationally, the August average prices received by producers decreased 0.4 cents per pound for turkeys and 2.7 cents per dozen for market eggs. Broiler prices remain unchanged.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	August 1996	July 15, 1997	August 15, 1997
--- Cents ---				
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	43.0	40.5	40.5
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	67.0	55.0	52.0
Turkeys	Lb.	45.0	40.0	41.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.3	40.1	40.1
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	62.6	52.5	49.8
Turkeys	Lb.	44.3	41.1	40.7

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 1997 in the United States totaled 30.1 million, down 6 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 14 percent from the August 1 total of 35.0 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 9; W N Central, up 7; N & S Atlantic, down 11; S Central, down 10; West, down 11.

The 26.4 million poults placed during August 1997 in the United States were down 4 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 12 percent from the July 1997 total of 30.1 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 12; W N Central, up 9; N & S Atlantic, down 10; S Central, down 4; West, down 7.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		1997 1996	Poults Placed during Aug. 1/		1997 1996
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
	Thousands	Pct.		Thousands	Pct.	
E N Central	4,920	4,454	91	3,893	3,426	88
W N Central	8,421	9,013	107	7,375	8,069	109
N & S Atlantic	11,984	10,617	89	9,838	8,825	90
S Central	3,708	3,355	90	3,281	3,162	96
West	3,015	2,687	89	3,109	2,895	93
U.S.	32,048	30,126	94	27,496	26,377	96

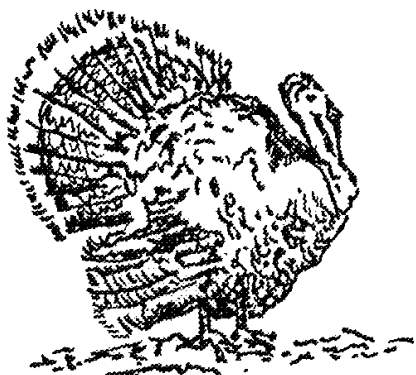
1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		96-97 95-96	Cumulative Total		96-97 95-96
	1995-96	1996-97		1995-96	1996-97	
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
Sept.	23,371	24,154	103	23,371	24,154	103
Oct.	25,158	25,354	101	48,529	49,508	102
Nov.	24,619	23,830	97	73,148	73,338	100
Dec.	25,269	27,119	107	98,417	100,457	102
Jan.	27,391	27,121	99	125,808	127,578	101
Feb.	27,596	27,145	98	153,404	154,723	101
Mar.	27,932	27,610	99	181,336	182,333	101
Apr.	29,725	28,220	95	211,061	210,553	100
May	29,668	29,120	98	240,729	239,673	100
June	27,987	28,380	101	268,716	268,053	100
July	28,913	30,092	104	297,629	298,145	100
Aug.	27,496	26,377	96	325,125	324,522	100

1/ Data for 1997 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1997 Summary".

2/ Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 1996	July 31, 1997 1/	August 31, 1997	<u>Aug. 1997</u> <u>Aug. 1996</u>	<u>Aug. 1997</u> <u>July 1997</u>
PACIFIC COAST		- - - - Thousands - - - -			- - Percent - -	
Turkeys	Lbs.	96,298	99,029	103,196	107	104
Chickens	Lbs.	46,193	44,737	41,756	90	93
Ducks	Lbs.	533	402	446	84	111
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	143,024	144,168	145,398	102	101
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	723,186	713,811	738,609	102	103
Chickens	Lbs.	616,020	666,066	565,995	92	85
Ducks	Lbs.	1,987	2,801	2,277	115	81
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,341,193	1,382,678	1,306,881	97	95
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,043	9,158	11,538	77	126

1/ Revised.